

Happy Catholic Schools Week and thank you for joining the RCAN Stories project!

Your school will be working with:

Story Part	School	Location	Grade	Teacher	Email address	Meet Virtually	How
Beginning	Corpus Christi School	Hasbrouck Heights (Bergen)	3	Josephine Paladino	Jpaladino@corpuschristischool.net	Yes	Skype or FaceTime
Middle 1	Our Lady of Czestochowa	Jersey City (Hudson)	3	Maggie Coyne	coynem@olcschool.org	Yes	Google Hangout, Skype
Middle 2	Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament	Franklin Lakes (Bergen)	3	Mrs. Ricciardi	bricciardi@rcmbs.org	Yes	Google Hangout
Middle 3	Our Lady of the Lake School	Verona (Essex)	3	Nicole Lazzaro	lazzaro@myoll.org	Not Sure	Google Hangout
End	Holy Trinity School	Westfield (Union)		Jill Spellman	jspellman@htisnj.com	Not Sure	Maybe Google Hangout? I have never used it.

Any time, starting February 8, the teacher and class assigned to the Beginning Story Part will work together to create the opening paragraph (or two) of a story.

Writing

The teacher will type the paragraph(s) onto the story page, making sure the content of the story is appropriate. It should be something the principal, pastor, and superintendent of schools would be proud to read.

<http://rcanstories.wikispaces.com>

- Click on the words story03 on the right side of the screen or go directly to <http://rcanstories.wikispaces.com/story03>
- Click the Sign In button on the upper right side of the screen. You can use the guest username of **rcanwikia** and the password **rcanguest**. If you have your own Wikispaces username, you can send it to me and I will add you as an editor.
- Click the Edit button.
- Click in the box beneath the words Paragraph Start Date and type the date your class begins the paragraph(s).

Teacher	Grade	School	Location	Paragraph Start Date	Paragraph Completion Date
Josephine Paladino	3	Corpus Christi School	Hasbrouck Heights (Bergen)	February	
Maggie Coyne	3	Our Lady of Czestochowa	Jersey City (Hudson)		
Mrs. Ricciardi	3	Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament	Franklin Lakes (Bergen)		
Jill Spellman	3	Holy Trinity	Westfield (Union)		

- Type the paragraph(s). The first class can erase the x.

Title (given by last class):

Start your story here - just erase the x:

x|

- When you are finished, please type the date you finish the paragraph under the box labeled Paragraph Completion Date.
- Send an email to the next teacher on the list to let the next class know they can read your paragraph(s) and continue the story.
- The last class on the list ends the story AND gives the story a title.

Drawing

- The teacher and class will decide how many drawings they will make for their section of the story. The drawings can be:
 - painted collaboratively on an Interactive Whiteboard using drawing tools and saved as a JPG or PNG image
 - painted collaboratively in a computer painting program such as Kid Pix, Pixie, Tux Paint, Paint, or another piece of software and saved as a JPG or PNG image
 - drawn and colored collaboratively and scanned as a JPG or PNG image
- Add the drawings to the story page. There will be a video demonstration on the wiki shortly.

Meeting Virtually

- If you would like to connect with a teacher virtually there are many options. Your technology integration specialist can help (or ask me). You might want to meet via Skype, Google Hangout, Facetime or send each other an email or letter through the US Post Office.
- If you would like to try to connect, email the partner teacher in advance and discuss the possibilities.
- If you connect online, ask the partner teacher before taking photos or video of the partner class. Make sure you ask permission if you will post the photos or video on your school's website or social media sites.
- Decide in advance if you will share a prayer or song from your school's Catholic tradition. You may want to explain something about the name of your school and its patron saint.
- Drop me an email and let me know about your additional collaborations...that's what this project is all about!

Read the Completed Stories

- Prepare the students for the fact that the story may have taken a different direction than they anticipate. That is all part of the collaboration journey.
- Once all the stories are completed, I will work to create a book of all the stories and images. I do not yet know what format the book will take. At the very least I will have a PDF copy of the stories for you to share with the students.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I am available via email and phone. I will be posting some "how to" videos on the wiki over the next week.

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